

Dominion Grange

Patrons of Husbandry

Fifty-second Annual Session

Dec. 13 and 14, 1926



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Brief Synopsis of

Proceedings

CARLS RITE HOTEL

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OFFICERS OF DOMINION GRANGE

ELECTED AT 52nd SESSION

Worthy Master	W. E. Wardell, St. Thomas, R. R. 1
Worthy Overseer	Howard Bertram, Midhurst
Worthy Lecturer	John Pritchard, ex. M.P., Harriston
Worthy Chaplain	Judson Austin, Simcoe, R. R. 5
Worthy Cor. Secretary and Treasurer, Hattie Robinson, St. Thomas, R. R. 1	
Worthy Recording Secretary	William Glenn, St. Thomas, R. R. 6
Worthy Steward	Ernest W. Carr, Allandale
Worthy Assistant Steward	Charles Parker, Minesing
Worthy Lady Assistant	Miss Alice Palmer, Port Stanley, R. R. 2
Worthy Gatekeeper	John Cowan, Thornton
Worthy Ceres	Mrs. E. H. Dolman, Long Branch
Worthy Pomona	Miss Annie McMaster, Palmerston, R. R. 3
Worthy Flora	Mrs. James McIntosh, Guelph, R. R. 7
Worthy Auditor	Jonathan Austin, Simcoe, R. R. 3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. G. Lethbridge, M.L.A., Glencoe; J. C. Dixon, Moorefield

FAIR BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

National—J. C. Dixon

Western—W. E. Wardell

PAST MASTERS

*S. W. Hill	1874-78	*George E. Fisher	1896
*H. Hilborn	1879-80	W. F. W. Fisher	1897-98
*W. M. Blair	1881	*Jabel Robinson	1899-03
*Alfred Gifford	1882	*Henry Grose	1904-05
*Jabel Robinson	1883-84	J. G. Lethbridge	1906-08
*Robert Wilkie	1885	†E. C. Drury	1909-10
*Robert Currie	1886	*W. E. Burton	1911
*Charles Moffat	1887-88	*Henry Glendenning	1912
*George Copeland	1889	W. C. Good	1913-14
*Henry Glendenning	1890-91	†W. E. Wardell	1915
*Peter Hepinstall	1892-93	†J. C. Dixon	1916-20
Dawson Kennedy	1894-95	†Howard Bertram	1921-24

PRESENT MASTER

†W. E. Wardell, 1925-27

*—Deceased.

†—Present at Session.

Synopsis of Proceedings of the
DOMINION GRANGE
FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

1926

CARLS-RITE HOTEL, TORONTO

December 13th, 1926.

THE DOMINION GRANGE, Patrons of Husbandry, convened in its fifty-second annual session and was called to order by Worthy Master W. E. Wardell at 2.30 p.m. and opened in the fourth degree. The following officers assisted; Worthy Overseer, Jonathan Austin, Norfolk Grange; Worthy Lecturer, Ernest W. Carr, Painswick Grange; Worthy Chaplain, Mrs. E. H. Dolman, Long Branch Grange; Worthy Steward, John Cowan, Painswick Grange; Worthy Lady Assistant, Miss Alice Palmer, Apple Grove Grange; Worthy Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Hattie Robinson, Elgin Div. Grange; Worthy Ceres, Mrs. James McIntosh, Guelph; Worthy Flora, Miss Annie McMaster, Maitland Grange; Worthy Recording Secretary, William Glenn, Forest Rose Grange.

The secretary announced that 250 copies of the minutes of the last meeting, held December 7th, 1925, were printed and mailed to secretaries and members and moved they be adopted as considered read. Seconded by Bro. Bertram and carried.

Master's Address

The Master's address was given verbally in which he spoke of his pleasure at seeing some of the delegates present who had not attended for some years. He stressed the idea of publicity and suggested the secretary send, from time to time, items of interest from our Granges and National Grange to farm papers, such as The Sun, Farm and Dairy, The Montreal Star, and The Farmer's Advocate, etc.

He suggested for the consideration of the members the advisability of changing the date of this annual meeting. At present it conflicted with the preparatory meetings of the U. F. O., many of whom would otherwise be with us. The time of the Toronto National Exhibition might be better as the rates then would help the finances and the weather more pleasant, also the delegates would have the pleasure of attending the Exhibition. At this time of year, especially a season like the present, the fall and early winter work was still pressing and must be looked after. A great many farmers were unusually busy.

As representatives of the Western Fair Board he could report it was progressing fine. They gave good prizes, had large crowds, had improved many of the buildings, and tried to have something for everybody. The directors were very courteous and he hoped the representative of The Dominion Grange was a useful member of the Board.

Discussions

The important suggestion in the Master's address re changing the date of annual meeting was fully and freely discussed. The adjustment of dues being the only difficulty it was finally moved by Bro. Bertram that we do change the date for this year to Exhibition week and that the secretary write some of the nearby officers of The National Grange inviting them to be present. Supported by Bro. Dixon and carried.

Letters of regret that through illness they were unable to attend were read from Bros. W. F. W. Fisher, Chaplain and Past Master, and John Pritchard, ex-M.P. Moved by Bro. Glenn and seconded that a resolution of regret and best wishes for a speedy recovery be sent them. Carried.

Secretary's Report

(Condensed)

Worthy Master and Fellow Members:

The Grange membership remains about the same as last year. One Grange that has been partially dormant having paid dues and sent delegate to this meeting. There should be an earnest effort made to revive the dormant Granges near you and if possible organize new ones.

The subscription list of The National Grange Monthly is now open for new subscribers. The nominal price of 37 cents a year should put it into many more Grange homes. The suggested programs are most helpful and the wonderful work accomplished is most inspiring. A request has been received asking for reports of Canadian meetings and I hope you will send material of this kind.

The National Grange met in Portland, Maine, in November, with a very large attendance, over 7,000 coming for the seventh degree. Next year it meets in Ohio, probably in Cleveland. Any member, who can, should go. You will be warmly welcomed.

Last year the raising of pheasants was broached by the Worthy Master, and some Granges sent in applications for eggs with good results. In Elgin the Metal Signs Co. of St. Thomas made warning signs of metal, costing 25 cents each, to place on farms. Would be glad to receive any orders you may send, as these will be of lasting value and should protect your woods.

Those who get The National Monthly will have noticed the instituting of Juvenile Granges in the United States and the work they are doing. Would it be advisable for us to try this idea? We have junior members meeting with the older, which helps the Granges very much when adopted and by assisting in the programme seem to liven up the proceedings. These Juvenile Granges are managed by an appointed matron from the Mother Grange and there is also a national secretary in charge of this department. Some meet on different days, others in an adjoining room during the senior session.

Let me again urge you to have a regular programme for each meeting with your lecturer responsible. Take advantage of representatives and other speakers available. Have debates, games, contests and joint meetings with other societies in your neighborhood. Keep yourselves before the public and what may be the popular form of entertainment in your section. Try it.

Next annual being settled for Exhibition week let us have a large gathering of delegates and, if possible, get every member here. It will do them and the Grange good. The annual dues can be paid for six months in advance instead of at the end of the year.

HATTIE ROBINSON.

Report of Lady Assistant

(Condensed)

MISS ALICE PALMER

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters:

Would like to call your attention to some of the things that have been given by the Granges that proved interesting and helpful to the Grange and the community.

Apple Grove Grange held a flower show in the early autumn which was an excellent one. The public were invited also to exhibit free of charge. Prizes were given by the Grange, seedsmen, florists, etc. A leading florist in St. Thomas acted as judge and a good programme relating to flowers was given. Refreshments were served to those desiring them. It was a grand success and would like some of you to try it. It was the first we had attempted, although for years a flower show, vegetable, wheat and corn contest have been held for members only.

Elgin Division Grange also holds vegetable, apple and cooking contests at the fall meeting, which is held at one of the Granges. The cooking afterwards helps in the lunch. One year the Division Grange obtained seeds from the Agricultural Dept. at a small cost and exhibited the best of the products. The gardens were also entered and were judged by the district representative. Committees are always appointed for the different sections, such as social, prizes, hall, entries and programme. The more helping the better the exhibit and the enthusiasm.

Pomona

(Mrs. Dolman)

It has come to me since you honored me by electing me to represent "Pomona" in the Dominion Grange that I should, on this occasion, speak to you, Worthy Master and brothers and sisters, as regards the work over which Pomona presides, according to my understanding.

I would ask you, therefore, to kindly exercise your imaginations, and envision the vast orchards and fruit gardens in this fair Dominion. First of all we see them bare, lifeless and fantastic forms emerging from their winter sleep. Then, in the early spring breezes they shake off the heavy blankets of ice and snow, and as the sun gets in its work, the moisture in the spongy bark evaporates, and as the atmosphere warms up, the landscape seems to shimmer in the brilliant rays of the sun. Then appear the swelling bud, leaf and blossom, and Sister Flora emerges with her magic touch, painting and beautifying the landscape, the background of which has been prepared already by the arduous labours of our brothers, the cultivators, who have patiently pruned, plowed and tended, watching and protecting the trees and shrubs whenever nature seems to have left a want unsupplied. Thus Flora completes her labours, and ere she leaves Pomona appears, attending first mainly to the smaller fruits, strawberries, raspberries, cherries, etc., and the earlier apples, which Flora has perfected in her degree, and by scattering the blossoms, signified that the foundation for Pomona's labours is laid.

Pomona takes the denuded blossoms, and calling on her cultivators in turns, for assistance in spraying, etc., and providing still other degrees of protection deemed necessary, she bids the capsules to swell, to provide the fleshy covering we know as the edible part of the fruit. This also covers the seed, in its embryonic growth, which shall reproduce its kind another season, when and where required. Thus we get the swelling green fruit,

and under the kindly rays of the midsummer sun, Pomona then goes into the important business of decorating, with the true artist's instinct, the fruits, at the same time making them luscious and appetizing to the palate, and inviting to the eye. Thus Pomona stands to us as the Goddess of Fruit, "fruit" being typical of things accomplished, both beautiful and useful, and it is in this sense I would interpret her message.

Applying this to our everyday lives, then, each person's life is an orchard, hung with myriads of deeds accomplished, or "fruit," subject to attacks of disease from within or without—insects, pests, rusts and rot, and what-not (you know more about this than I)—as represented by evil motives within ourselves and bad influences from without. This we may overcome, to carry on the simile, by spraying with the milk of human kindness, cultivating with Christian charity, and environing all with the cheerful rays of a happy disposition, representing sunshine. This simile you can all carry further if you so wish—so I will leave it here.

This year we have, in places, suffered from concerted attacks of pests, corn-borer, cutworm, etc., from inclement weather, storm and tempest, which, to my mind, is a reminder from the Ruler of the Universe, whose promise of seed-time and harvest, after 6,000 odd years, still holds good that we should keep more strictly to the letter of the Fourth Commandment, which is perhaps the most neglected of all today, "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day, six days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do, but the seventh"—what do we do? Joy-ride, clean the car, etc. Do we not, or a great majority of us? Perhaps this may seem far-fetched, but the fact remains that it has been several times remarked in my home, that Sunday has almost invariably, this summer, been wet and cold. A mere co-incidence, perhaps, but it has set some folks to thinking—which perhaps has been intended. Is there not food for thought?

And it occurs also to me that we should be thankful for this, that while certain crops are a failure in one part of this, our Canada, in other parts they are generally plentiful to compensate.

Thus Pomona may be said to teach that many small deeds, if kindly and charitably accomplished, swell into one glorious whole, forming a valuable life-record, and it should be the aim of everyone to admit only such deeds and actions, thoughts, etc., as shall be an asset to this end. I will conclude with a few lines of poetry, written specially for this meeting, on

"Pomona"

Original Poem by E. H. DOLMAN

*When Flora's wonders fade away
And Nature dulls her colours gay,—
When petals fall on zephyr breeze,
And clothe the ground beneath the trees,
Pomona waves her magic wand
And casts her spell, here and beyond,
And soon each husk begins to swell,
Each calyx does its work full well,
And fruit, all shapely, fresh and green
Appears, where once but flowers have been.
Pomona waves her wand once more
And lo! from out her magic store
Come Nature's tints,—what best doth suit
Allotted to each kind of fruit,—
She puts the bloom upon the peach,*

*She paints the apples, giving each
Such colours as shall signify
The traits we recognize them by,
And through each tree and shrub she goes
Perfecting every fruit that grows,
Both fruit that's sweet, and fruit that's bitter,
As types of life,—what could be fitter.*

*What from Pomona can we learn?
Doth this not make our spirit yearn?
That each day may make his life most sweet,
Each action, in itself complete,—
That in the orchard of the soul
His life may make one glorious whole
Of fruitful actions all combined
To elevate the human mind,
And form the seed that soon shall be
Proud harvest of eternity.*

"WULFRUN."

Bro. Bertram gave an address on the present opportunities of the Grange development and the U.F.O. co-operative movement.

Bro. John Cowan spoke of his pleasure at being present, having been a member 35 years, first belonging to Kuock Grange and now Painswick. This Grange bought corn and salt during the year.

Bro. E. W. Carr told of the decorating and renovation of their hall at Painswick with a garden party, assisted by the Women's Institute, to whom they let the hall free.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were brought in and well discussed, not only by mover and seconder but by the other members:

Moved by Bro. Bertram, supported by Bro. Austin, that a petition be sent that adequate and suitable garbage containers be supplied to prevent the present dumping practice of throwing papers, etc., on the highways, making them dangerous and unsightly—tourists being the principal offenders.

Bro. Glenn brought in a resolution that the Dominion Grange ask the Government to look into the matter of the selection of mail carriers, and gave instances of unfitness of some of those appointed. Supported by Bro. Cowan.

Bro. Carr asked that the Seed Act and one relating to the cutting of weeds on roads and railways should be better enforced by those in authority. Supported by Bro. Austin and carried unanimously.

Sister Robinson gave a talk on flag observance in the schools of Canada and the United States, suggesting that a large flag be one of the requirements of every rural school. Supported by Bro. Austin.

Bro. Dixon gave a vigorous appeal for a change in the game laws, pointing out the destruction of all wild life in a few years if the course now adopted be continued. Supported by Bro. Glenn.

Moved by Bro. Glenn, seconded by Sister Dolman, that Bros. Carr, Austin and Bertram be a resolution committee to report in the morning. Carried.

Bro. Dixon, representative on National Fair Board of Grange, gave his report, dwelling on the excellence and attendance of the Exhibition and the

consideration shown to him by the directors and the attention paid to any suggestions coming from him. He also gave a short talk on the necessity of Sabbath observance and the keeping of all laws on the Statute Books until changed, expressing the thought that all Grange members naturally were law-abiding citizens.

The election of officers then took place, the report of which will be found on first page.

The new officers elect were then installed by the Worthy Master and Secretary, after which the session adjourned for supper.

Evening at 6.30

The members and visitors repaired to the spacious dining room of the Carls-Rite and enjoyed a delicious repast and a delightful social hour. Hon. E. C. and Mrs. Drury having arrived made everyone in the best of spirits, for their presence is always much appreciated at Grange meetings. After the supper the members not on committees spent a happy time in the beautiful parlors of the hotel before starting the evening session in the audience room with Bro. J. C. Dixon, Past Master, in the chair, who opened with a short address of pleasure and welcome to the distinguished speakers present and the opportunities of the Grange of the future.

By request Sister Dolman repeated her admirable paper on "Pomona," given in the afternoon.

Hon. E. C. Drury then gave a very interesting talk on farmers' organizations, their inception, the work accomplished, and the reasons that led to their formation. He recalled the forming of the Council of Agriculture at a Dominion Grange meeting in 1909, of which he had the honor of being chosen first president. He paid a high tribute to the Western Associations, Grain Growers, and others, with a description of his visit to some of them. He also referred humorously to his experiences organizing Granges in Prince Edward Country with Bro. Anderson, and the farmers' visit to Ottawa.

He said the Grange, during its fifty-two years, had enrolled more members than any other society; and spoke most feelingly of the part taken by his father, the late Charles Drury, afterwards the first Minister of Agriculture, in the pioneer work, stating that some of his most precious keepsakes and memories of him related to the Grange. Closing his splendid address he hoped that in the future, as in the past, the Grange would always remain true to its principles.

Bro. James Anderson of Mountain View, the next speaker, corroborated the ex-premier's statements and spoke of the early work in Prince Edward County.

Bro. Peter Hyatt, also of Prince Edward, was called on to explain the gain made by factories. He gave a helpful address and hoped that the young people would follow in the footsteps of the older in Grange activities to make it successful.

Bro. Carr read the resolutions placed on file in the afternoon and these were well discussed, the Game Act seeming to receive the most attention.

Many questions were asked and much information received regarding the present laws and their amendment answered by Bros. Drury and Dixon most satisfactorily.

At 10.30, on motion of Bros. Drury and Austin, adjournment was made.

Morning Session

December 14th, 1926

Bro. J. C. Dixon took the chair at 9 a.m. and the work of the session was resumed.

The auditor, Bro. J. Austin, read his report.

Toronto, Ont.

Books audited and found correct this 14th day of December, 1926, with a balance on hand of \$34.24.

JONATHAN AUSTIN.

The treasurer read her report.

Receipts

1925 balance.....	\$ 53 12
Membership and dues.....	48 89
Subscriptions N. G. M., two years.....	9 04
Donations	10 00
Jabel Robinson Memorial.....	10 00
Total	\$ 131 05

Expenses

1925 delegates' R. R. fares.....	\$ 56 00
Dominion Grange expense.....	1 00
Subscription National Monthly.....	5 55
Stamps and tax.....	2 50
Printing Proceedings and tax.....	31 76
Balance	34 24

Total	\$ 131 05
Receipts	\$ 131 05
Expenses	96 81

Cash balance.....\$ 34 24

HATTIE ROBINSON, Treasurer.

On motion the auditor's and treasurer's reports were adopted.

The following resolutions as amended and arranged by the committee were read by the chairman, Bro. Carr, and adopted clause by clause on motion and finally adopted as a whole on motion of Bros. Cowan and Glenn and carried unanimously.

Mail Carriers

December 14th, 1926.

Whereas we, the members of the Dominion Grange in session on above date at Toronto, find that in many of the rural districts of the province of Ontario people have grievances caused by inefficient mail carriers, which causes a lot of inconvenience and also the loss of important mail matter,

We therefore resolve that we need a more strict censor of those intrusted with carrying the rural mail of the province and that the responsible authorities use greater care in appointing carriers that are physically and mentally strong and that have a fairly good education.

Flag for Schools

We, the members of the Dominion Grange in session at Toronto, regret to learn that many schools in the province of Ontario are without the flag or a flag pole and do earnestly petition the government, through their public school inspectors, to see that every school has a flag and a flag pole and that the children be taught about and to respect the flag so as to promote the spirit of patriotism and loyalty more fully,

Also, that the government take the necessary steps to have our flag maintain the supremacy over other flags on motor cars and in tourists camps, where, we regret, the Canadian flag is far too often belittled or insulted by citizens of other nations.

Game Laws

We, the members of the Dominion Grange in session at Toronto on above date, take this opportunity of petitioning the government to recind or amend the game law in regard to the day set apart for the shooting of quail and pheasants and do resolve that there be not any open season whatever for the shooting of above game until such time as they become more plentiful, and would suggest instead of the present \$1.00 license fee that hunters off their property pay a license fee of \$5.00 per gun and that they be compelled to get permission from the owner before trespassing.

Garbage

Whereas we, the members of the Dominion Grange in session on above date at Toronto find that persons going along our highways and roads dump unsightly garbage which is not only dangerous but that causes a lot of inconvenience, do petition the government to pass such legislation and use such means as will compel them to deposit the garbage in proper garbage receptacles.

Moved by Bro. Austin, supported by Bro. Carr, that Bros. Dixon and Bertram be a committee to bring to the attention of the Legislature the resolutions belonging to the province. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Glenn supported by Bro. Carr that the mail carriers' resolution be left with the secretary and Sister Palmer to convey the resolution to a member of the House of Commons. Carried.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the proprietor of the Carls-Rite. E. M. Carroll, and the staff for their unfailing kindness during the 52nd annual meeting and for the use of this beautiful assembly room free of charge.

The Grange closed at 10 o'clock to allow the members to attend the shareholders' meeting of the U.F.O. Co-operative Co. in Massey Hall. The delegates' railway fares were paid and a pleasant and profitable gathering ended.

Important Notice

The Dominion Grange 53rd annual meeting will be held during the National Exhibition, Toronto. Every member as well as delegate welcome.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND



